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In re Application of:

Yisong Yu, et al

NOVEL LAYERS IN PRINTING
PLATES, PRINTING PLATES AND
METHOD OF USE OF PRINTING
PLATES

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the FINAL Office Action dated July 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 62-67 for the following reasons.

Applicants are appreciative of the allowance of Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, 14-22, 24-32, 34-41, 45-51, 53-59, 69-75, and 77, but they believe that rejected Claims 62-67 should also be allowed.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 62-67 have been finally rejected as unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication 2002/0007751 (Inoue et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action supports the rejection with arguments that Inoue et al. describes a negative-working lithographic printing plate precursor having a